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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because Figures 1 and 3-8 do not include any legends or text description of the respective elements. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

2. The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claim 12 has been renumbered claim 11 (the examiner has not found any claim 11 in the application, thus necessitating the renumbering of claim 12 to 11).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-8, 9 (with respect to claims 1-8) and 10-11 (11 being renumbered claim for 12) rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inagaki et al., US 6,657,637.

In considering claims 1, 4-7 and 9-11,

- a) *the claimed a receiver for receiving a broadcast signal* is met by tuner 110 (Fig 25) which receives MPEG signals via antenna 23.
- b) *the claimed a foreground computer generated imagery device...is met by data storage unit 102 which stores the generated graphics in graphics storage unit 116* (Fig 25).
- c) *the claimed a mixer...is met by selection unit 117* (Fig 25, col 28, line 4-20).
- d) *the claimed interaction means for receiving the control parameters from the receiver...is met where input unit 101* (Fig 25) receives an input from navigation instruction menu 303 (Fig 5), where data storage unit 102 stores an object table 201 and MPEG stream 221 (Fig 3 and 4) (col 10, line 12-56). Based upon the input information and the stored object table 201 and stream 221, the light source calculating unit 103 calculates the appropriate coordinates for both graphics and the video stream. Rendering unit 104 performs processes such as hidden line/surface deletion, shading display, color display and texture mapping (col 12, line 6-9).

However, Inagaki does not explicitly disclose the datastream each including image data defining a background object and control parameters.

Inagaki does disclose the receipt/processing of MPEG video streams. It is also known that based upon the type of MPEG signal received determines the amount of

information included into the signal. For instance MPEG-2 includes both Main Profile Main Level for standard television broadcasts whereas Main Profile High Level includes information for definition television broadcasts.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Inagaki which discloses the reception of MPEG streams which combines the received streams with computer generated graphics for display, to also recover all the information included in the stream (i.e. background objects, control parameters), which would assist the system in displaying the graphics data in a desirable position within the video stream.

In considering claims 2-3 and 8-9 (9 with respect to 2-3 and 8),

Inagaki does disclose a user interactive menu 303 (Fig 5) which allows the user to peruse forward, up, down, back, left, right where the light source calculating unit 103 calculates the appropriate coordinates for both graphics and the video stream. Rendering unit 104 performs processes such as hidden line/surface deletion, shading display, color display and texture mapping (col 12, line 6-9). Thus Inagaki does disclose positioning/hiding/deleting the graphics information in relation to the incoming video stream(s).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure—please see newly cited references on attached form PTO-892.

5.. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Yenke whose telephone number is (703) 305-9871. The examiner work schedule is Monday-Thursday, 0730-1830 hrs.

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